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Afternoon.

I have been made aware that a review of the premises licence has been issued in relation to the garden at the Devon Dumpling and as a direct neighbour to the pub I would like to put my thoughts across.

When I heard about this issue being raised I assumed everyone would have differing opinions, but I'm personally more of a believer in facts so I decided that it may be useful to you to have some sound monitoring of the garden noise situation for reference.

We live at [REDACTED] which backs onto the beer garden at the pub so I feel that (apart from our neighbours at number 15) we are probably the 2nd closest to the garden, and being curious I went on google maps and measured the distance which turns out to be about 23 meters so pretty close.

I've attached a screenshot from a decibelometer I used to monitor the noise levels over 5 random days recently from outside (as inside we hear nothing so would be a bit pointless) and included the days England were playing USA, Wales and Senegal as figured that would be a bit more rowdy... If you want me to do further monitoring let me know but I guess not as the results are all pretty much the same.

As you can see the average noise recorded was 54 decibels (around the level of a quiet office and normal conversation) with the lowest average at 44 (light rain) and the highest average coming in at a whopping 69 (still quieter than a vacuum cleaner or toilet flushing!).

While it may seem a bit excessive doing this in the evenings, I can honestly say that I do not see why there is some sort of issue with the pub garden, we have never noticed anything to complain about personally and even at the top end the noise is only as loud as a toilet flush!

In my opinion (as someone whose house backs onto their garden and went to the effort of seeing what the noise levels were) there is no reason to change anything in relation to the pub. While we don't tend to go there very often unfortunately, whenever we have been it is run well and considerably by the owner so I can't really see what the issue is.

Thanks

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Kind Regards

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